

Arts in the Parks

Call for Performance Proposals

Description

The City of Tempe is seeking to commission a group to perform in up to 4 Tempe Parks as part of the Arts in the Parks Program. Performances could be adaptations of previous work or new work in the form of theater, dance, storytelling, music, poetry and/or a combination of performing arts practices, and enjoyable for all ages and demographics represented in Tempe's neighborhoods. The performance will be in an outdoor park setting with minimal set-up and equipment. Performances should have built in elements that break the 4th wall and engage with the audience. Artists, artist teams, performance groups, or cultural groups with experience in site-specific artmaking, performing outdoors, creating art for all ages, and/or engaging with audiences are encouraged to submit a proposal.

Arts in the Parks Program Description

The Arts in the Parks Program creates memorable community connections by bringing the arts to neighborhood parks. The program is initiated by residents and reflects the identity and values of the park's community. www.tempe.gov/ArtsintheParks

Expectations

Successful applicants must commit to:

- Host up to 4 workshops to get input from neighborhood (1 at each park)
- Prepare one 45-60-minute performance that can travel to up to 4 parks
- Work closely in partnership with City of Tempe staff in development and implementation of the performance

Qualifications

Applicants are encouraged to apply who meet the following qualifications:

- Experience with site-specific artmaking, performing outdoors, creating art for all ages, and/or engaging with audiences
- An artist, artist team, performance group, or cultural group with experience in performing arts mediums such as theater, dance, music, storytelling and/or any combination of performing arts
- Live in Maricopa County from September 2021-April 2022 and be available for workshops and performances at 4 different parks.

Deadline

Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59pm

Compensation

Up to \$8,000 (includes artist stipends and any costs for sets, costumes, materials, and rentals)

Individual Mentorship

We offer individualized support and mentorship to answer questions about the project and guidance on completing your application. Schedule a session with Julie Akerly, City of Tempe, Community Arts Specialist: <https://calendly.com/julieakerly/artistcalls>

How to apply

Complete online submission found at: tempe.gov/ArtsJobs

- Project Proposal (max. 1000 words)
Describe your interest in this opportunity by addressing how you are uniquely qualified for this project including the following:
 - Your proposal for an outdoor performance.
 - What is your inspiration/what themes are you exploring?
 - Explain if this piece is a continuation of current or past work and how it will be adapted.
 - What artforms/disciplines will be incorporated, including but not limited to theater, dance, music, storytelling and/or any combination
 - Your team/group's experience with site-specific artmaking, performing outdoors, creating art for all ages, and engaging with audiences.
- Key project organizers/artists (up to 4)
 - Describe their relevant skills and role in the creation and/or performance (max. 200 words each)
- Samples of proposed project and/or past work (3-minute video & 3 images)

Timeline

May 3 – Application Deadline

Early June – Community Review Panel and Interviews

Late June – Artists notified

July – Project Orientation

Sep/Oct – Workshops

Nov-May – Performances

For Questions Contact:

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